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A newsletter for Armstrong Atlantic State University faculty & staff

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## **John McGuthry new director of computer and information services**

John McGuthry has been named director of computer information services and chief information officer. He will assume the position on January 3. Prior to joining AASU, he served as executive director and chief information officer at Reinhardt College, and as a manager in technology-related positions in the private sector.

McGuthry earned a bachelor's degree in physical science from the University of Maryland and a Master of Science in Technology Management from Georgia Tech. He also has graduate training in business and e-commerce from MIT, satellite communications from George Washington University, and accounting and finance from the University of Maryland.

## **AASU becomes training partner for national Project Safe Neighborhoods**

AASU has been selected as a training partner for Project Safe Neighborhoods. Partnered with the United States Attorneys Office and the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives (ATF), Armstrong Atlantic will use the grants to train thousands of law enforcement officials on how to effectively use the program. Officers will be taught when and how to enforce the federal gun laws to remove violent felons from our streets. Project Safe Neighborhoods is a nationwide commitment to reduce gun crime in America by networking existing local programs that target gun crime and providing those programs with additional tools necessary to be successful.

## **AASU participants in first Knowledge-Share program**

AASU partnered with The Creative Coast—one of the region's newest economic development initiatives—to help the area's knowledge-based businesses raise their profile with local college students and faculty in the first Knowledge-Share program. This event was both a career fair and an exhibition of the area's 300 knowledge-based businesses.

Knowledge-based jobs such as software development, maritime logistics, and digital media can pay up to three times the average Savannah wage. Over 30 computer science students attended the fair. Other area universities have shown interest in following AASU's example by participating in this Knowledge-Share program.

## **AASU team wins first place at regional moot court competition**

Two AASU students, Adam Morrison and Kevin O'Donnell, recently won first place during the Southeast Moot Court Association Tournament, the first competition of its kind in the southeastern United States. They beat the other 50 students representing Armstrong Atlantic, South University, and the University of Texas-Arlington.

## **AASU receives grant to offer physical therapy workshop**

The Department of Physical Therapy received a \$21,000 grant from Babies Can't Wait, an organization that advocates for children with special needs, to fund a workshop, "Stones and Fishes." The workshop is for physical therapists who work with families to help them use available resources in a culturally competent way.

## **AASU receives grant to offer workshop on oral and skin cancer**

Health professions received a \$10,000 grant from the Southeast Georgia Cancer Alliance to sponsor an Oral and Skin Cancer Workshop. The workshop provided current information to physicians, nurses, dentists, and other allied health professionals concerning the two cancers that can be highly responsive to early detection and treatment. The workshop also presented quality of life issues for patients.

**Barry S. Eckert**, health professions, and **William Hoskins**, director of the Curtis & Elizabeth Anderson Cancer Center, are credited with securing the grant for the university. Faculty members **Elwin Tilson**, radiology, and **Helen Taggart**, nursing, made presentations during the workshop.

## High school students participant in Learn for Life at AASU

Several high school students attended two classes in the College of Education—a math course and an education course—as part of the Learn for Life program. The program is a subsidiary of the Boy Scouts of America, and aims to support schools and other youth serving organizations that help prepare youth to successfully navigate in today's society. Learn for Life has involved over 70 teachers from Chatham County in nine high schools and several alternative schools.

## Pirates Club is 'the team behind the team'

The Pirates Club is a booster organization that aims to increase community interest in AASU athletic programs and attendance at competitions. Members enjoy a variety of benefits including free tickets, passes to special events, and Pirates' clothing. For information regarding membership, go to [www.athletics.armstrong.edu/club.html](http://www.athletics.armstrong.edu/club.html).

## Have a newsworthy AASU idea?

It is never too early to contact the Office of University Relations about a potential news story. Time is needed to contact campus sources and prepare the information for distribution to the news media. In order to adequately publicize an event, notification to the media is needed at least three weeks prior to the event to meet calendar-listing deadlines.

If you have an idea for an AASU related story that might be of interest to the news media, contact Michelle Gordon at 961.3173 or [gordonmi@mail.armstrong.edu](mailto:gordonmi@mail.armstrong.edu). The story idea will be evaluated, developed, and presented to appropriate news outlets. However, whether a story appears in the news or not ultimately depends on the decision of the editor or producer of that media outlet.

## Notice about upcoming newsletter

Due to the upcoming holidays and semester break, *eArmstrong* will not be issued in January. Submissions for the February issue are due by January 15. Please send submissions to [news@mail.armstrong.edu](mailto:news@mail.armstrong.edu).

## Welcome Aboard

**Viatrix Nugent**, speech/language pathology  
**Carl Duggan**, registrar  
**Jennifer Rinalducci**, Lane Library  
**David Shriver**, plant operations

## Events

### November 30-December 5

Masquers present "Dramarama" in the Jenkins Black Box Theater at 7:30 p.m. (3 p.m. only on December 5). The event is free. For more information, call 927.5381 from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. weekdays.

### December 1-16

Fall 2004 Senior Graduation Art Exhibition in the Fine Arts Gallery. Admission is free. For more information call 927.5381 from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. weekdays.

### December 4

The 15th Annual Winterfest Invitational High School Honor Band Concert at 7 p.m. in the Fine Arts Auditorium. Admission is free. For information, call 927.5381 from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. weekdays.

### December 5

Second annual Christmas Community Sing at 7:30 p.m. in the Fine Arts Auditorium. To participate, call 927.5325. For ticketing information, call 927.5381 from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. weekdays.

## December 8-9

The 16th annual faculty and student Christmas Pottery Sale from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. in the Fine Arts Hall, room 102. For more information, call 927.5381 from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. weekdays.

## December 8

Ray Greenlaw will present a talk on his upcoming attempt to climb Vinson Massif, the highest mountain in Antarctica. The presentation will begin at 12:30 p.m. in room 156 of University Hall.

## Kudos

**Rod McAdams**, health sciences, was named "Distinguished Researcher of the Year" by the Georgia Rural Health Association (GRHA). He was recognized for his research on rural health issues that were funded by a Robert Wood Johnson Grant. GRHA presents several annual awards to individuals who provide a service to rural populations.

**Selwyn Hollis**, mathematics, presented his paper, "Modeling Bark Beetle Infestations in Pine Forest Ecosystems," at the Southeast-Atlantic Regional Conference on Differential Equations held in Chattanooga, Tennessee.

**Paul Hadavas**, mathematics, delivered a talk, "Tools for Outside-the-Classroom Enhancement of an Operations Research (OR) Course," at the Institute for Operations Research and Management Sciences Annual Meeting in Denver, Colorado.

**Ray Greenlaw**, computing, won the Bluffton Low Country Marathon, completing the 26.6 miles in 3 hours, 2 minutes, and 49 seconds.

## **Kudos (continued)**

**Manuel (Bud) Sanders**, mathematics, participated in a panel discussion, "Calculus text design and raising achievement of algebraically under-prepared students," at the International Conference on Technology in Collegiate Mathematics. His costs were partially funded by the publisher, Addison-Wesley.

**Nancy White**, history, has been honored with the Elizabeth J. Somer Leadership Award in recognition of her work with the women of Mount Vernon College as a teacher, mentor, and administrator.

**Jamie Newman**, mathematics, represented his department at the Georgia Performance Standards Leadership Training. The session, sponsored by the Georgia Association of Educational Leaders, informed participants about updated standards that will impact curricula in mathematical education courses.

**Chuck Shipley**, computer science, placed first in the masters division (runners over the age of 40) of the Trick or Trot 5k race held on Wilmington Island.

**Evelyn Dandy**, education, presented "The Pathways Program Model—Recruitment, Development, and Retention" to the board of directors at the Education Alliance at Brown University in Providence, Rhode Island.

**Y. Daniel Liang**, computer science, had his book, *Introduction to Java Programming, Fifth Edition*, published by Prentice Hall.

**Ned Rinalducci**, criminal justice, social and political science, was elected president of the Georgia Sociological Association (GSA). The GSA is an organization of academic and applied professional sociologists, and students who strive to stimulate and improve research, teaching, and discussion in the study of society and culture.

**Mark Finlay**, history, presented a talk, "The Chemurgy Movement: Historical and Participant Perspectives," for the Office of Biorenewable Products at Iowa State University.

**AASU's radiologic sciences students** who sat for National Board Examinations given by the American Registry of Radiologic Technologists last spring and summer achieved a 100% pass rate. The students graduated in May or will graduate in December. The students in the radiography track earned an 86.5 class average and the radiation therapy track students earned an 84 class average.

**The submission deadline  
for the February issue of  
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is January 15.**

**Please send submissions to  
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